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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN KAMPUCHEA: MEETING
WITH WEOS IN GENEVA

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1. ON JUNE 30 AT THE U.S. MISSION GENEVA FRANK SIEVERTS
(DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS) MET
WITH WEO MEMBERS AND OBSERVERS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COM-
MISSION (HRC) TO DISCUSS IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISION 9
(XXIV) OF THE HRC AND TO REPORT WHAT U.S. ACTION IS BEING
TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO THAT DECISION. SIEVERTS EXPLAINED
THAT IN ADDITION TO INTERVIEWS WITH KAMPUCHEAN REFUGEES
IN THAILAND, THE U.S. WOULD SUBMIT OTHER DOCUMENTARY
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EVIDENCE SUPPORTING ALLEGATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS
IN THAT COUNTRY. SIEVERTS URGED THAT PARTICIPANTS AT
THE MEETING ASK THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO CONSIDER MAKING
SUBMISSIONS TO THE UNHR SUB-COMMISSION, STRESSING THAT
THE DEADLINE FOR SUCH DOCUMENTATION IS JULY 15. IN LIEU
OF FACTUAL INFORMATION, WHICH MIGHT NOT BE AVAILABLE TO
ALL GOVERNMENTS, SIEVERTS SUGGESTED THAT EXPRESSIONS OF

CONCERN ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN KAMPUCHEA BE
FORWARDED TO THE SUB-COMMISSION.

2. A MAJORITY OF THOSE ATTENDING THE MEETING (AUSTRIA,
AUSTRALIA, CANADA, DENMARK, THE FRG, FRANCE, THE NETHER-
LANDS, SWEDEN AND THE UK) REPLIED TO SIEVERTS BY STATING
THAT THEY COULD NOT COMMENT ON WHAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS
PLANNED TO DO REGARDING DECISION 9 BUT THEY WOULD CONTACT
THEIR CAPITALS IMMEDIATELY FOR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE.

3. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE NETHERLANDS (VAN NOUHUYS)
AND THE FRG (VON TRESKOW) STATED IT WAS UNLIKELY THAT THEIR
GOVERNMENTS WOULD MAKE SUBMISSIONS AGAINST THE DRK BUT
WOULD TAKE PART IN THE DEBATE ON THE ISSUE AT THE 35TH
SESSION OF THE HRC.

4. THE UK REP (SNOXELL) SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD
SUBMIT TO THE SUB-COMMISSION A 20 OR 30 PAGE DOCUMENT
WHICH WOULD INCLUDE INTERVIEWS WITH KAMPUCHEAN REFUGEES
FOLLOWED BY AN ANNEX OF NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS AND EXPRESSIONS
OF CONCERN BY THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

5. CANADIAN REP (CHANDLER) ANNOUNCED THAT THE GOC WOULD
FORWARD TO THE SUB-COMMISSION THE HOUSE OF COMMONS'
RESOLUTION WHICH REFLECTS CONCERN ABOUT THE HUMAN RIGHTS
SITUATION IN KAMPUCHEA. BEYOND THAT CHANDLER WAS NOT
AWARE OF AND, THEREFORE, COULD NOT COMMENT ON FURTHER GOC
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ACTIONS.

6. LARS GRUNDWALD (SWEDEN) NOTED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS
ONE OF THE FEW TO BE INVITED OFFICIALLY TO VISIT
KAMPUCHEA. HE SURMISED THAT THE GOS MIGHT, AT SOME
FUTURE TIME, BE PLACED IN THE POSITION OF MEDIATING BE-
TWEEN DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA AND THE REST OF THE WORLD.
SWEDEN, HE FELT, WOULD NOT WANT TO DAMAGE ITS POTENTIAL
GOOD OFFICE'S ROLE BY MAKING A COMPLAINT AGAINST KAMPUCHEA
AT THIS TIME.

7. THE MEETING CONCLUDED WITH WEOS PROMISING TO REPORT TO
MISSION GENEVA DECISIONMAFVVZCZ

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